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LIMDIS, FOR LANE FROM DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, SREF

SUBJECT: ASSYRIANS IN LEBANON

REF: STATE 022136

1. JOHN YONAN, INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR OF THE ASSYRIAN UNIVERSAL ALLIANCE, AT OUR ADVICE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE MARONITE COMMUNITY HERE ABOUT ASSYRIAN REFUGEES. HE NOW INTENDS TO FLY TO BEIRUT, VIA ME 206 FROM LONDON, ARRIVING BEIRUT ABOUT 1700, MONDAY, FEB. 14. WE AGREED TO ASK THE EMBASSY, ON HIS BEHALF, TO GET IN TOUCH WITH BISHOP NARSI DEBAZ, BISHOP OF LEBANON OF THE HOLY APOSTOLIC CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE EAST. HE MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, OR P.O. BOX 3625. YONAN ASKED THAT BISHOP OR HIS ASSYRIAN FRIENDS MEET YONAN AT AIRPORT AND ARRANGE HIS LODGING.

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2. YONAN ASKED, IN THE EVENT THAT THE EMBASSY COULD NOT GET IN TOUCH WITH THE BISHOP OR THE ASSYRIAN COMMUNITY, THAT SOMEONE FROM THE EMBASSY MEET HIM AT THE AIRPORT AND HELP HIM FIND LODGING. I DO NOT CONSIDER THIS NECESSARY, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD GET SOME ASSURANCES FROM THE ASSYRIAN COMMUNITY THAT HE WILL BE MET. WOULD

APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY IN THIS REGARD BY COB WASHINGTON  
TIME, THURSDAY, FEB 10.  
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